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SUBJECT: 1978 DAKAR FAIR -- LETTER TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR (SIGNED ORIGINAL POUCHED TO
YOU): QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
INVITING THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD
DAKAR INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 10,
1978. I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND REMARKS CONCERNING THE
US INVOLVEMENT IN THE SECOND DAKAR FAIR IN DECEMBER 1976.
I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD
DAKAR FAIR. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE
A SPECIAL EXHIBIT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IN KEEP-
ING WITH THE FAIR'S THEME OF TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND
INDUSTRIALIZATION. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS
OF THIS YEAR'S FAIR. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER TO
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PRESIDENT CARTER: QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: THE SENEGALESE
PEOPLE, MY GOVERNMENT, AND I APPRECIATE THE SCOPE AND
QUALITY OF YOUR COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND
DAKAR INTERNATIONAL FAIR. OUR COMMON CONCERN -- TO WORK
TOGETHER FOR THE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RESPECTIVE
ECONOMIES -- WAS PUT TO THE TEST THERE AND WE TAKE

PLEASURE IN STRESSING THAT IT WAS A SUCCESS. THE PARTICI-
PATION OF YOUR STATE IN THAT IMPORTANT EVENT AT DAKAR
GAVE US A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO MEASURE THE FRATERNAL AND
FRIENDLY COOPERATION THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED FOR MANY YEARS.
I THEREFORE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE DAKAR
INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER IS PLANNING TO HOLD, FROM
NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 10, 1978, THE THIRD EVENT OF
THIS KIND, BASED ON THE THEME: TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT,
INDUSTRIALIZATION. THE IDEA IS TO SEEK, THROUGH TRADE,
THE BEST CONDITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS WHILE ENSURING THAT OUR ECONOMIES COMPLEMENT
EACH OTHER. SENEGAL WILL TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING
THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUR COUNTRY AND ITS PRINCIPAL
FIRMS IN THE THIRD DAKAR INTERNATIONAL FAIR, IN THE
BELIEF THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS
EVENT PLANNED FOR 1978 WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY
ALL THE STATES REPRESENTED THERE. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE SOCIETE DE LA FOIRE INTERNATIONALE DE DAKAR
(DAKAR INTERNATIONAL FAIR CORPORATION) WILL SOON TRANSMIT
TO THE COMPETENT AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND TO THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED DOCUMENTS
PROVIDING ALL THE NECESSARY DETAILS ON THEIR PARTICIPATION
IN THE EVENT. I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ATTENTION
TO THIS LETTER AND ASK YOU TO ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT,
THE ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. LEOPOLD
SEDAR SENGHOR. UNQUOTE.
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